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FOR PISTON RING
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 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- U.S. 5,259,109 corresponds to EP 0 526 329, FR 2 679 812 and JP 05-220631
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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	AA	5,404,629	4/1995	Liechty et al.			
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AO	Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 28634/1987 (Laid-open No. 136829/1988) (Toyota Motor Corp.), 08 September 1988, Full text; Figs. 1 to 3 (Family: none)
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